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SUBJECT: PROPOSED CONFERENCE

1. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT IN JULY OF 1973 AND 1975, ADVANCED STUDY INSTITUTES ON GENERAL SUBJECT OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS WERE HELD IN FRANCE UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE NATO DIVISION OF SCIENTIFIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS. REPRESENTATIVES OF NON-NATO, AS WELL AS NATO NATIONS, ATTENDED THESE MEETINGS. UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVES INCLUDED ATTENDEES FROM THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY.

2. DEFENSE IS NOW CONSIDERING CO-SPONSORSHIP WITH NATO OF A THIRD CONFERENCE ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, TO BE HELD
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AT AN UNDETERMINED SITE IN EUROPE IN THE FALL OF 1977. THE CONFERENCE WOULD BE INTENDED TO PROVIDE AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AMONG NATO AND OTHER NATIONS ON HOW TECHNOLOGY IS TRANSFERRED AND UTILIZED WITHIN REPEAT WITHIN THE RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES. INFORMATION ON MECHANISMS AND PROCESSES EMPLOYED TO FACILITATE SUCH TRANSFER IN OTHER COUNTRIES COULD PROVE USEFUL IN U.S. DOMESTIC EFFORTS TO

ENHANCE USE OF GOVERNMENT-DEVELOPED TECHNOLOGY IN BOTH THE MILITARY SPHERE AND IN THE CIVILIAN ECONOMY. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF VARIOUS NATIONAL REGULATIONS INVOLVED, WE WOULD

NOT REPEAT NOT WISH TO HAVE CONFERENCE CONSIDER SENSITIVE AREA OF TECHNOLOGY FLOW ACROSS NATIONAL BOUNDARIES. IF, IN MISSION VIEW, THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL RISK THAT THIS SUBJECT WOULD ARISE IN SUCH A WAY AS TO CAUSE EMBARRASSMENT TO U.S. GOVERNMENT, THEN WE WOULD NOT WISH TO BECOME INVOLVED IN CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE.

3. DR. SHERMAN GEE, NAVAL SURFACE WEAPONS CENTER, HAS SUGGESTED THAT YOU DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO ASYGS LABERGE AND OZDAS.

4. BEGIN TEXT. FROM CHAIRMAN, CONFERENCE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, TO NATO ASSISTANT SECRETARIES GENERAL DEFENSE SUPPORT AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS. SUBJECT: CONFERENCE ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER IN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES; INVITATION TO CO-SPONSOR.

(1) IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH DR. PHILIP W. HEMILY AND ASG WALTER B. LABERGE, NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF, ON 13-14 DECEMBER 1976, NATO IS INVITED TO JOIN WITH U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE IN CO-SPONSORING THE SUBJECT CONFERENCE.

(2) THE CONFERENCE IS INTENDED FOR, BUT NOT LIMITED TO NATO COUNTRIES, TO SHARE THEIR LATEST EXPERIENCES IN UNCLASSIFIED

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TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND UTILIZATION, TO EXAMINE ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND CONCERN, AND TO FOSTER CLOSER TECHNOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE.

(3) THE CONFERENCE WILL BE UNCLASSIFIED. THE LOCATION AND DATE OF THE CONFERENCE HAVE NOT YET BEEN SELECTED, ALTHOUGH WE ARE PLANNING ON A FALL 1977 DATE. A EUROPEAN CONFERENCE SITE IS PLANNED IN ORDER TO ATTRACT A HIGH LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION BY NON-US NATIONALS.

(4) COSTS WILL BE PARTIALLY DEFRAIDED FROM REGISTRATION FEES. REMAINING COSTS, ESTIMATED NOT TO EXCEED 20,000 DOLLARS, WILL BE APPORTIONED ON AN EQUITABLE BASIS TO BE DETERMINED LATER BY THE CO-SPONSORS. WE EXPECT COSTS TO NATO TO BE MINIMAL.

(5) YOUR EARLIEST RESPONSE WOULD BE APPRECIATED. SIGNED SHERMAN GEE. END TEXT.

5. YOU SHOULD DISCUSS DR. GEE PROPOSAL WITH MESSRS LABERGE
AND HEMILY, AND REPORT VIEW AS TO DESIRABILITY AND UTILITY
OF PROPOSED CONFERENCE IN LIGHT OF PARA 2 ABOVE.
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